

**Chambers of Senior Judge Laurence Hirsch Silberman** *continued*

**Corporate:** Executive Vice President of Strategic Planning, Legal and Government Affairs, Crocker National Bank (1979-1983)

**Government:** Attorney, Appellate Division, Office of the General Counsel, National Labor Relations Board (1967-1969); United States Solicitor, United States Department of Labor (1969-1970); Under Secretary of Labor, United States Department of Labor (1970-1973); Deputy United States Attorney General, United States Department of Justice (1974-1975); United States Ambassador to Yugoslavia, Embassy of the United States (1975-1977); President's Special Envoy on ILO Affairs, Executive Office of the President (1976)

**Legal Practice:** Partner, Moore, Silberman & Schulze (and predecessor firms) (1961-1967); Steptoe & Johnson (1973-1974); Morrison & Foerster (1978-1979); Morrison & Foerster (1983-1985)

**Military Service:** United States Army Reserve (1957-1958)

**Nonprofit:** Senior Fellow, American Enterprise Institute (1977-1978)

**Current Memberships:** Hawaii Bar Association

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**Stephen F. Williams**

Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1936  
Education: Yale 1958 BA; Harvard 1961 JD  
Began Service: 1986  
Appointed By: President Ronald Reagan  
Political Affiliation: Republican

**Academic:** Professor of Law, University of Colorado (1969-1986); Visiting Professor of Law, University of California, Los Angeles (1975-1976); Visiting Professor of Law, University of Chicago (1979-1980); Visiting Professor of Law, Southern Methodist University (1983-1984)

**Government:** Assistant United States Attorney, United States Department of Justice (1966-1969)

**Legal Practice:** Debevoise, Plimpton, Lyons & Gates (1962-1966)

**Military Service:** United States Army (1961-1962)

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Association; American Law Institute; Federal Energy Bar Association

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**Harry T. Edwards**  
Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1940  
Education: Cornell 1962 BS; Michigan 1965 JD  
Began Service: February 20, 1980  
Appointed By: President Jimmy Carter  
Political Affiliation: Independent

**Affiliation:** Adjunct Professor of Law, School of Law, New York University

**Academic:** Professor of Law, University of Michigan Law School (1970-1975); Visiting Professor of Law, Program for International Legal Cooperation, Free University of Brussels (1974); Visiting Professor of Law, Harvard University Law School (1975-1976); Professor of Law, Harvard University Law School (1976-1977); Faculty Member, Institute for Educational Management, Harvard University (1976-1982); Professor of Law, University of Michigan Law School (1977-1980); Lecturer in Law, Pennsylvania Law School (1981-1982); Lecturer in Law, Harvard University Law School (1982-1988); Senior Lecturer in Law, Duke University Law School (1983-1989); Lecturer in Law, Georgetown University Law School (1985-1986); Lecturer in Law, University of Michigan Law School (1988-1989)

**Corporate:** Member, Editorial and Advisory Board, West Publishing Company (1978-1980)

**Government:** Public Member, Administrative Conference of the United States (1976-1980); Member and Chairman, Board of Directors, National Railroad Passenger Corporation (AMTRAK) (1978-1980)

**Judicial:** Neutral Arbitrator (1970-1980); Member, Judicial Conference of the United States (1994-2001)

**Legal Practice:** Associate, Seyfarth, Shaw, Fairweather & Geraldson (1965-1970); Chairman, Ann Arbor Model Cities Legal Services Center, Inc. (1971-1972)

**Current Memberships:** American Academy of Arts and Sciences; American Bar Association; American Judicature Society; American Law Institute; American Society of International Law; Association of American Law Schools; Federal Judges Association; Supreme Court Historical Society

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**United States District Courts**

Most federal cases are initially tried and decided in the United States District Courts, the federal courts of general trial jurisdiction. There are 94 courts in the 50 states, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and the territories of Guam, the United States Virgin Islands, and the Northern Mariana Islands. With the exception of the territorial courts, all district court judges are appointed for life by the President with the advice and consent of the Senate. In each district, the judge who has served on the court the longest and who is under 65 years of age is designated as the chief judge. The chief judge has administrative duties in addition to a caseload. Within each district, the United States Bankruptcy Court hears and decides petitions of individuals and businesses seeking relief from bankruptcy. Bankruptcy judges are appointed by the court of appeals for a term of 14 years. The judges of each district appoint one or more magistrate judges, who discharge many of the ancillary duties of the district judges. There are both full-time and part-time magistrate judge positions, and these positions are assigned to the district courts according to caseload criteria. A full-time magistrate judge serves a term of eight years; a part-time magistrate judge's term is four years.

**United States District Court for the Middle District of Alabama**

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**Number of Judgeships:** 3

**Areas Covered:** Counties of Autauga, Barbour, Bullock, Butler, Chambers, Chilton, Coffee, Coosa, Covington, Crenshaw, Dale, Elmore, Geneva, Henry, Houston, Lee, Lowndes, Macon, Montgomery, Pike, Randolph, Russell and Tallapoosa

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**Mark E. Fuller**

Chief Judge

Date of Birth: December 27, 1958  
Education: Alabama 1982 BS, 1985 JD  
Began Service: December 2, 2002  
Appointed By: President George W. Bush

**Government:** Chief Assistant District Attorney, 12th Judicial Circuit, State of Alabama (1996-1997); District Attorney, 12th Judicial Circuit, State of Alabama (1997-2002)

**Legal Practice:** Associate, Cassidy, Fuller & Marsh (1985-1986); Partner, Cassidy, Fuller & Marsh (1986-1996)

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**Myron H. Thompson**

District Judge

Date of Birth: 1947  
Education: Yale 1969 BA, 1972 JD  
Began Service: September 29, 1980  
Appointed By: President Jimmy Carter

**Government:** Assistant Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General, United States Department of Justice (1972-1974)

**Legal Practice:** Partner, Thompson & Faulk (1979-1980)

**Current Memberships:** Alabama Bar Association; Alabama Lawyers Association; American Bar Association; National Bar Association

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**W. Keith Watkins**

District Judge

Began Service: December 30, 2005  
Appointed By: President George W. Bush

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**Truman M. Hobbs**

Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1921  
Education: North Carolina 1942 AB; Yale 1948 LLB  
Began Service: April 14, 1980  
Appointed By: President Jimmy Carter  
Political Affiliation: Democrat

**Clerkships:** Law Clerk The Honorable Hugo Black, Supreme Court of the United States (1948-1949)

**Government:** Chairman, Alabama Unemployment Appeal Board (1952-1958)

**Legal Practice:** Partner, Hobbs, Copeland, Franco & Screws (1949-1980)

**Military Service:** United States Navy (1942-1946)

**Current Memberships:** Alabama Bar Association; American Bar Association; American College of Trial Lawyers; American Trial Lawyers Association; International Academy of Trial Lawyers; Montgomery County Bar Association